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Status							
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>amer</u>	<u>idment filed 5/13/2005</u> .						
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is							
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims		*					
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>2-9,11-15,17 and 19-21</u> is/are pending in the application.							
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6) Claim(s) <u>2-9,11-15,17 and 19-21</u> is/are rejected.							
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	r election requirement.						
Application Papers		·					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.						
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.							
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).							
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).							
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		1					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	s have been received. s have been received in Application ity documents have been receive I (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National Stage					
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)							
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DETAILED ACTION

The finality of the action mailed 1-12-2005 has been withdrawn in view of the rejection below. The examiner apologizes for the delay in prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:
 A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
 - (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 2-9,11-15, 17,19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 5,362,271 to Butt. Butt discloses a linking loop type structure having an elongated tubular member (arm structure of each doll) with a pair of opposite ends (hands), tubular member being formed in the shape of a closed loop (when the hands of doll 10 are coupled together, forming closed loop), each end including a magnet (14), wherein the tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric, including a retaining sack stitched to the tubular member (column 2 lines 43) wherein the magnet is retained, wherein the closed loop configuration is a circular configuration (when hands are coupled) and the tubular member is flexible. Butt further discloses a plurality of linking loop type structures connected together (fig 7,8) with each structure having an elongated tubular member (arms of the dolls) in the form of a closed loop (when the hands of the dolls are coupled together, as seen in the figures) and including a magnet. Butt discloses that the

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tubular member is constructed of stuffed fabric (column 2 line36). Butt also discloses a keeper (one of the dolls 10) having a body portion and a plurality of first loop structures connected with the body (loop structure 42 the hand, see figure 17) and at least one second loop structure manually connectable to one of the first loop structures, wherein the second loop structure has a pair of free ends and a magnet (the arms of the second doll, 12, form the second loop structure and the hands are the free ends with magnets thereon). In that the dolls of Butt are magnetically attached via magnet 14, doll 12 is capable of linking both arms to the hand of doll 10.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. This is simply art of interest and was not used to reject any claims in this office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamila O Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-4431. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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